

Salaries & Wages	£ 44.10.0
The New Court Clerks Co 1 st October	11.10.0
Michon for Oct	9.5.6
John Armstrong's papers	7.1.0
Ly leasuden's papers	3.0.9
Stellwell & Co Printing	2.1.6
Mitcheil, Mullen & Slade Books	1.4.11
Chambers & Seymour funds	6.0
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	79.7.8
Interest on loan of £14,000 @ 5% for 6 months	350.00
Interest on £1000 for 3 months	12.10.0
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	£ 441.17.8

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Norman,
that the Report be adopted.

Resolved that the President, Vice President
and Treasurer shall form a sub-committee to
draft the Annual Report

Holidays

It was resolved that the Institution be closed on Christmas
day, Boxing day, & New Year's day, should the Government
proclaim a holiday and 2nd January, the Library only shall be closed
on that day.

Resolved that the next meeting be on 9th January.
The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of R & E for 11 months
of 89 1/2 - 95

Secretary's Statement:

Subscriptions for the month	£ 68.12.0
" 11 months	794.9.6
Total revenue of the month	143.7.0
" 11 months	1947.17.10
New members during month	6
" - "	94

Balance in Bank £ 604.13.6

Joseph Levi
President
9/1/96

Thursday 9th Jan 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Levi President (chair)
- Barlow Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Ridley
- Leasuden
- Norman
- Bliff
- Rev Wharmley
- Hood
- Lush
- Coles
- Mr Jamieson
- Martin

An apology was received for absence of Mr Loughran.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed
A letter was read from the Secretary of the proposed Library
Association of Australia. It was referred to the Library
sub-committee *

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend for a addition to the
Library 12 vols from Mitcheil Mullen & Slade @ £2.17.5
Accounts amounting to £16.7.7 have been examined & found correct
Resolved to ~~recommen~~ on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Lush that
the Report be adopted

A letter was read from a Mr C P Stevens making an offer
to purchase certain old numbers of Magazines & Periodicals. It
was referred to the Library sub-committee.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they are of
opinion that the Large Hall stands in need of renovation.
They would have made a recommendation on the subject
some months ago, but for the state of the finances. They are
of opinion that the matter should be taken up by the next
committee. The Librarian has applied through the Secretary
for leave of absence. It is recommended that he receive a fortnight's
leave during this month. Accounts amounting to £38.11.10 have

been examined & found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Shiffe & Mr Ridley, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for December & found them correct.

With reference to the question of the Rents of the Front Shops, your committee recommend that they be reduced to £2.10 per week from the beginning of this year.

The Balance Sheet for the year has been laid before us, and, all things considered, is regarded as satisfactory.

It is recommended that, in the approximate statement of assets and liabilities, the value of the real property of the Institution be set down at £35,000; the value of the Library at £1500, & the Furniture at £750.

Payment is recommended of the following A/c's.

Salaries & Wages	£ 41.12.0
Gas fittings in Upper Hall	17. 2.6
Gas & Electric Light	17. 5.4
Melville Mullen & Glade. Books	5. 16. 2
Copies in N. papers	3. 8.0
W. Debnold Binding	3. 3.8
Mr Hutcheson Book Binding	2. 15.9
Leopoldson. Charts	2. 5.0
Kemp Repairs	1. 16.6
Mithamere Runcle	1. 4.0
Sundry A/c's & Petty cash	5. 2. 6
	£ 101. 11. 5

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Pennie,
that the Report be adopted.

The Balance Sheet was presented, and was adopted subject to the certificate of the auditors.

The Secretary read the draft of the Annual Report as proposed by the sub-committee. A few unimportant alterations having been made, it was adopted.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 43.8.6
12 months 837.18.0

Total Revenue of the month £ 127.1.0
12 months 2074.18.10

New members during the month 3
12 months 97

Balance in Bank £ 289.16.10

H. Barlow
Chairman
6/2/96

Annual General Meeting

held in
upper hall

Wednesday 29th January 1896

The chair was taken by the President, Mr Joseph Levi,
at 8 p.m.

The Secretary read the advertisement of the meeting which
was duly concurred, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 20

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and the Special General
Meeting of 4th July were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum,

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the past year.

The expenditure still exceeds the receipts, notwithstanding the fact that a considerable reduction was made in the salaries of the staff, which, however, took effect only from the middle of the year. The full saving thereby effected will be more apparent this year.

As it was deemed advisable to pay off the overdraft of the City of Melbourne Bank, it was decided to obtain a further loan on mortgage of the real property of the Institution. By the then existing rules, money could be so borrowed only for the purpose of extending the buildings, or making additions thereto, or alterations thereof, or for paying any existing mortgage on the property. As the mor was required for the purpose of paying off the overdraft and working expenses, it was necessary to have a rule passed, giving power to borrow for such purposes. At a special general meeting held on 4th July, 1895, it was resolved that the following new clause shall be inserted in Rule 46 before the words "and the repayment of such moneys, &c.":—

"3.—Provided that the General Committee may at any time, without such authority, obtain advance of any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £2000, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Institution and paying the necessary expenses connected therewith and incidental thereto, and any interest on any advance to the Institution."

In terms of this new Rule, an additional mortgage has been effected with the Executors of the Sumner Estate for £2000, making a total of £16,000, as compared with the original mortgage of £18,000. The first instalment for £1000 of the additional loan was received on 2nd December, and the balance will be received during the year. The rate of interest is 5 per cent. per annum.

The overdraft at the City of Melbourne Bank has been paid, credit having been received in full for the Fixed Deposits, which amounted to £300.

The following are the items of receipts for the year:—
Subscriptions, £837 18s.; rent of front shops, £543 10s.; large hall, £402 9s.; small hall, £151 15s.; rooms, £108 4s. 9d.; sales, £15 12s. 11d.; interest, £15 9s. 2d. Total, £2074 18s. 10d.

The items of expenditure are:—Interest on mortgage, £719 10s.; salaries and wages, £662 1s.; books, magazines, and newspapers, £401 15s.; lighting, £256 1s. 6d.; rates, £119 5s.; repairs, goods, &c., £86 0s. 2d.; binding, £50 14s. 6d.; insurance, £36 0s. 6d.; interest on overdraft, £35 1s. 9d.; postage, stationery, and petty cash, £20 13s. 6d.; advertising and printing, £15 14s. 6d.; auditor, £4 4s. Total, £2,407 1s. 1d.

An improvement has been effected in the lighting of the Upper Hall by the substitution of Welsbach burners for the old ones. The change has given great satisfaction to those who use the Hall, and will effect a saving in the cost of gas. The number of members on the roll is 859, of whom 97 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 485; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 26,806, and 6,127 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1876	1488	567	980	48,115	10,500
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,096
1880	1400	364	543	36,317	6,642
1881	1398	826	552	34,291	7,268
1882	1333	341	582	34,342	7,209
1883	1330	329	560	35,016	7,231
1884	1334	277	711	35,129	7,200
1885	1311	254	680	29,653	7,000
1886	1468	351	700	29,382	7,150
1887	1568	376	613	28,241	7,108
1888	1535	355	618	29,697	7,209
1889	1515	312	698	30,601	7,142
1890	1492	316	670	30,699	7,083
1891	1381	237	640	30,441	7,121
1892	1198	186	652	30,319	7,057
1893	1036	126	639	28,815	6,983
1894	945	123	627	27,880	6,983
1895	859	97	485	26,806	6,127

* Prior to 1880, the figures represent single volumes; since that date they represent the entire work, whether consisting of one volume or more.

The following return shows the number of works of various classes that have been issued during the last four years:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	6	4	5	3
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	7	10	4	7
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,464	1,058	880	820
Classics and Philology	40	45	42	29
Fine Arts	11	8	9	2
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	972	748	729	710
History and Historical Memoirs	613	504	478	490
Jurisprudence and Legislation	2	2	1	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	494	441	335	380
Natural History and Botany	50	29	27	17
Works of Fiction	24,494	23,840	23,002	22,258
Music	1	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	1,471	1,558	1,810	1,650
Philosophy and General Science	262	160	178	151
Poetry and the Drama	214	160	117	101
Politics	34	25	43	20
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	28	28	31	33
Juvenile Works	175	193	187	132
Total	30,319	28,815	27,880	26,806

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 60.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

- Victorian Parliamentary Debates.
- Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.
- Government Gazette.
- Acts of Parliament.
- Victorian Year Book, by H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.
- Results of Observations, Melbourne Observatory, by R. L. J. Ellery, Esq.

The Government of New South Wales has contributed:—
Parliamentary Papers for the year.

The following donations of works have also been kindly made:—

- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXI—New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXV of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- Victorian Year Book 1892-93, H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
- The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.
- The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.

	Balance Sheet
To Fixed Deposit in Bank	£300 0 0
First instalment of New Loan of £2000	1000 0 0
Subscriptions	£837 18 0
Rent of Front Shops	543 10 0
Large Hall	402 9 0
Small Hall	151 15 0
Rooms	108 4 9
Sales	15 12 11
Interest	15 9 2
Total	2,074 18 10
Balance in Bank of Australasia	£3,374 18 10

The proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

The Annual Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. Joseph Levi; Vice-President, Mr. H. S. Barlow; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Rev. Mr. Abernethy, and Messrs. Downward, Harlin, Jamieson, Lush, and Norman.

The Committee regret to report that during the year the Institution lost by death the services of Mr. Wm. Ievers, M.L.A., who was a member of the Committee for several years, and also filled the office of President; and also of Mr. H. H. Hayter, C.M.G., who had also been President.

The vacancies were filled by the election of Mr. Thos. Eales, and Mr. E. B. Loughran.

There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee during the year:—

The President, MR. JOSEPH LEVI	attended	13
The Vice-President, MR. H. S. BARLOW	"	11
The Treasurer, MR. CHARLES RENNIE	"	10

COMMITTEE:					
Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	9	Mr. Callaway	attended	9
Mr. Downward	"	8	Mr. Davies	"	10
Mr. Harlin	"	10	Mr. Eales	"	6
Dr. Jamieson	"	9	Mr. Hood	"	12
Mr. Lush	"	11	Mr. Loughran	"	6
Mr. Norman	"	9	Mr. Ridley	"	10
Mr. Illife	"	12	Mr. Sangster	"	5

* Elected in May.

The following are the attendances of the Sub-Committees:—

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 11.
Mr. Hood - 11	Mr. Illife - 11	Mr. Rennie - 9
(Chairman)	(Chairman)	(Chairman)
Rev. Abernethy - 8	Mr. Barlow - 8	Mr. Barlow - 11
Mr. Callaway - 10	Mr. Davies - 9	Mr. Callaway - 10
Mr. Harlin - 2	Mr. Downward - 1	Mr. Downward - 5
Dr. Jamieson - 4	Mr. Hood - 10	Mr. Eales - 3
Mr. Lush - 5	Dr. Jamieson - 2	Mr. Harlin - 2
Mr. Loughran - 5	Mr. Levi - 7	Mr. Levi - 7
	Mr. Ridley - 10	Mr. Lush - 5
		Mr. Norman - 9

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. W. A. Callaway, E. Davies, T. Eales, M. Hood, E. B. Loughran, J. S. Ridley, D. Sangster, and John Illife.

The Committee would urge upon all the old members of the Institution, and all new ones, who take more than a passing interest in its welfare, the necessity of using their best efforts to increase the roll of membership, and to promote in other ways the prosperity of the Institution.

JOSEPH LEVI,

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution	£35,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage	£15,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,500 0 0	Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts	101 11 5
Furniture	750 0 0	Balance	22,438 5 5
Balance in Bank	289 16 10		
Total	£37,539 16 10		£37,539 16 10

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution	£35,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage	£15,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,500 0 0	Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts	101 11 5
Furniture	750 0 0	Balance	22,438 5 5
Balance in Bank	289 16 10		
Total	£37,539 16 10		£37,539 16 10

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.
J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.

ANDREW BURNS, F.I.A.V., }
PHINEAS RAINEY, F.I.A.V., } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 20th January, 1896.

Copies of the Balance Sheet having been supplied, it was resolved that it be taken as read.

The President, Mr Jos Levi, then moved that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted. It was seconded by the Treasurer, Mr Charles Rennie, and carried.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Eales & Mr Barlow, that the following gentlemen be re-elected Scrutineers.

Mr Messenger
 . Dicker
 . Pett
 . Coules

Resolved on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Bliffe, that Mr Andrew Burns & Mr Phineas Rainey be re-elected Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thomas and Mr Masters, that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring office-bearers and members of Committee. The President returned thanks.

The Chairman announced that nominations for officers and members of the Committee would be received by the Secretary up till 10 p.m.

Resolved on motion of Mr St S Barlow, seconded by Mr Mr Hood and supported by Mr Meeks that a vote of thanks be given to Mr Curtis & Mr Smith (Secretary & Librarian) for the careful manner in which they had discharged their duties. Mr Curtis returned thanks.

Resolved, on motion of Revd Mr O'bernsby and Mr Hood, that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman. Mr Levi returned thanks.

The following Nominations were made:—

For President — Mr St S Barlow
 Vice President — Mr W A Hallaway
 Treasurer — Mr Charles Rennie

Committee

Mr E Davies
 J Eales
 Mr Hood
 J Bliffe
 J Ridley
 J Langster
 D Mickle.

The nominations not being in excess of the number required, the candidates are duly elected.

W A Hallaway
 Chairman
 27.1.97

Thursday 6th Feb 1896

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.
 Mr Barlow, President. (Chair)
 Rennie
 Revd Abernethy
 Norman
 Downward
 Ridley
 Levi
 Mickle
 Hood
 Diffe
 Harlin
 Davies
 Lush

Apologies made for absence of Mr Callaway & Mr Cales

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Minutes of Annual meeting read for information. They were considered correct.

The following sub committees were appointed for the Year

Library	House	Treasure	Emergency
Mr Callaway	Mr Ridley	Mr Barlow	
Revd Abernethy	Mr Hood	Callaway	Mr Barlow
Mr Harlin	Mr Barlow	Downward	Callaway
Mr Hood	Davies	Lush	Rennie
Lush	Downward	Norman	Diffe
Mr Jamieson	Mr Jamieson	Rennie	
Mr Mickle	Mr Diffe	Mickle	
	Levi	Cales	
	Sampster		

Mr Lush gave notice that he would move in the matter of subcommittees so as to allow them to meet in Feb 9

As there was a vacancy on the General Committee, Mr E. J. Thomas was nominated as a member of Committee by Mr Levi and Mr Davies

H. Barlow
 Chairman
 5/3/96

Thursday 5th March 1896

The Committee met at 8 P.M.
 Mr Barlow. President chair
 W A Callaway V. Pres
 Rennie Treasurer
 Ridley
 Sliffe
 Rev Abernethy
 Mr Davies
 Mickle
 Hood
 Langster
 Edles
 Hartin
 Norman
 Mr Jamieson

An apology was received for the absence of Mr Levi

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

C. J. Thomas The President declared Mr C. J. Thomas duly elected a member of the General Committee.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Lusk chairman for the Year.

In the matter of the proposed Library Association of Australasia; your committee re-affirm the recommendation that the Chairman of the Library Committee, the Secretary & the Librarian attend the first meeting and report to you.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library
 Brown McNeill, Muller & Glode 44 vols @ £10.6.3
 Geo Robertson & Co 3 19.6
 Accounts amounting to £136.1.4 have been examined and found correct.

Library Association

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood, that the report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sliffe & Mr Hartin, that the Library Committee be empowered to add to the number of representatives at the Library Conference

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Renovation of the Large Hall
 Your committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Sliffe chairman of the sub-committee for the Year. The matter of the renovation of the Large Hall has received a kind consideration, the committee having met three times for the purpose. It is considered that it would not be advisable, at present, to interfere with the temporary arrangement for improving the acoustics of the Hall, which has been so successfully accomplished by means of the red druffet, as any permanent substitute would entail considerable expense. But they think a very decided improvement can be effected by repairing and repainting the whole of the Cornice, and fixing a wooden plank on the top of it projecting a little over the cornice, and thus guarding against the danger of further damage whenever a ladder has to be placed against it. Palkeys will also be fixed in the ceiling over the platform so as to provide for the fixing of a screen when required for lantern illustrations of lectures. Your committee have already ascertained that these improvements can be carried out for less than £30, and they ask you for authority to expend a sum not exceeding that amount.

Leave absence

Mr Lewis has applied for leave of absence, and the Committee recommends that he shall receive three weeks' leave.

Accounts have been examined & found correct amounting to £35.3.8

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sliffe & Mr Ridley, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Rennie chairman for the Year. The A/cs for Jan'y & Feb'y have been audited & found correct

Payment is recommended of the following
Ages.

Salaries & Wages	£ 44. 10. 0
Whitehead Magazine	68. 15. 10
Wm Dawson & papers	28. 14. 3
Electric light Dec & Jan	22. 2. 4
Gas Dec & Jan	12. 3. 4
John Armstrong & papers	7. 1. 0
George Robertson Geo Books	6. 11. 1
G. Caswell & papers	6. 16. 9
Wm Debnato Binding	5. 18. 9
Melville, Mullen & Glade Books	3. 18. 10
Launceston Examiner	1. 19. 0
Sands & Mr Hanfall Dinerday	1. 5. 0
John Armstrong Adventure	1. 2. 0
A. St Maxima Geo Printing	1. 0. 0
Auditors	2. 4. 0
Sunday Ages	3. 16. 10
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	£ 219. 19. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Mackie,
that the report be adopted.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Comtee
shall be held 16th April.

Secretary read the Comparative statement of Receipts & Expenditure
for first two months of 1895 & 1896.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 67. 8. 0
2 months	144. 10. 0
Total revenue of month	187. 1. 7
2 months	356. 8. 5
New members during month	9. 8
2 months	

Balance in Bank £1003. 1. 10

H. Barlow
Chairman
16/4/96

Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 1896

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Barlow President (chair)
 Mr Murray Vice Pres
 Mr Mickle
 Mr Levi
 Mr Riddley
 Mr Bliffe
 Mr Thomas
 Mr Langster
 Mr Hood
 Mr Hardie
 Mr Jamieson
 Mr Lusk

Apologies received for absence of Messrs Norman, Galus,
Rennie & Revd Hurmuthy

Edg Thomas

The President introduced the newly elected member
Mr C. J. Thomas, who thanked the committee for having elected him.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend that a revision
be made of the list of Magazines now taken, with a view
of ascertaining whether it be desirable to make any changes
therein. It is recommended that 17 vols from Melville, Mullen
and Glade @ £ 5. 14. 12 be added to the Library
Ages amounting to £ 63. 12. 8 have been examined & found
correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Hardie that the Report
be adopted.

Library Conference

It was resolved that Mr Jamieson & Mr Hardie
be added to the Library Conference of Australasia.

The House subcommittee reported that the
renovations of the Rarfe Hall have been completed to the
satisfaction of the House Committee, and at a price

within the amount fixed by the General Committee, and that thanks were due to Mr Duffe & Mr Ridley for having supervised the work. (Vos have been examined amounting to £ 30. 8. 11 and found correct.) Resolved on motion of Mr Duffe & Mr Ridley that the Report be adopted.

Mr Harlan stated that it would be a great convenience to the members of the Chess Club if a window could be placed on the landing near their door. The attention of the House Committee was directed to the matter.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they have examined the Vos for March and found them correct. The following Vos are recommended for payment:-

Salaries and wages	41. 12. 0
Melville, Mullen & Glade Mag & Books	37. 2. 4
The New South Wales Lib & Mag	22. 11. 2
The Melbourn Lib & Mag	12. 14. 3
Melbourn Water Supply to 30/6/96	12. 15. 0
Gordon & Gotch Lib & papers	10. 15. 6
Shillwell & Co Printing	5. 17. 0
George Robertson & Co Books	3. 12. 4
G. Levesley Lib & papers	3. 8. 0
Incorporation of Melbourne Lib & Mag	2. 5. 0
Melbourne Prindle	1. 4. 0
Smiddy Vos	1. 17. 0
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	£ 155. 13. 7

Resolved, on motion of Mr Mickle & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Levi & Mr Mickle, that Mr C. J. Thomas be added to the Library & Finance sub-committee.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had an application for having the Upper Hall one evening & one afternoon in the week for about six months in the year for a dancing-

class, and he wished to know if the Committee objected to its being let for that purpose.

Dancing class

It was decided that there was no objection to the dancing, the only question was whether the noise would be likely to disturb the readers in the Reading Room. The Secretary was instructed to have a trial made, and if it was considered that the noise would not disturb the readers, he was empowered to let the Hall, as desired.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of receipts and expenditure for first three months of 1895 into 1896.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 66. 8. 6
three months 210. 18. 6

Total revenue of the month 154. 11. 2
3 months 510. 19. 7

New members during the month 5
3 months 23

Balance in Bank £ 937. 14. 0

W. Barlow
Chairman
7/5/96

Thursday 7th May 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Bartlow President (Chair)

Callaway Vice President

Ridley

Shakle

Davis

Hood

Downward

Bliffe

Cales

Mr Jamieson

Harvie

Mr Lush

Apologies received for absence of Mr Rennie, Mr Norman,
Mr Levi & Rev Aurnethy

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Library
Conference Committee thanking the President for having
invited the delegates to the Conference of Librarians & make
use of the Reading Room of the Athenaeum during their visit
to Melbourne.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend for addition to the
Library 11 vols from Melville Mullen & Co £2.11.3.

It is recommended to discontinue 1 European Mail, 1 Gentleman's
Magazine, & 2 Souper's maps and to take 1 extra copy
of the Strand, 3 Pall Mall Magazines, & 3 Wincledon.

Accounts amounting to £13.19.2 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lush and Mr Callaway, that
the Report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the question of providing
wind in connection with the chess room is under consideration.
Two of this Committee were present in the Reading Room

while a trial was being made to see if dancing in the Upper Hall
would be likely to disturb members in the reading room. They found
the noise could scarcely be heard. Accounts amounting to £28.19.9
have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bliffe & Mr Ridley that the Report
be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the
A/c for April & found them correct. Payment is recommended
of the following A/c's

Salaries & wages	41.12.0
Gas & Electric light	.3
Repairs & painting in Large Hall	27.8.3
Royal Insurance Co	10.0.0
Amstr Alliance	7.10.0
Londan & Lancashire	7.10.0
Nat of New Zealand	5.0.0
Melville Mullen & Co Books	5.11.7
Helmold Binding	3.10.0
6 Leasden Newspapers	3.8.0
J. Gault & Co	1.11.6
Sunday A/c's	6.9.7
	<u>£ 119.10.11</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Cales & Mr Hood, that the
Report be adopted.

The Secretary reported as follows re
Library Conference

Library
Conference

I have the honour to report that, in accordance with your
instructions, I attended the first meeting of the Library Conference.
It was held in the Stacull Gallery. There was a brilliant
assemblage of Ladies & Gentlemen. The Chair was taken by
Mr J. Langdon, and the opening address was given by His Honor
the Chief Justice Sir John Madden, who set forth some
of the objects of the proposed Library Association. Other
addresses followed, & then a conversation took place.
Several other meetings were held. I attended the last one

at which the real business was done. The Association was formally established, rules were adopted, and officers elected. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Sydney next year.
The Report was adopted.

The Secretary read the comparative statement of the receipts and expenditure for the first four months of 1895-96.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £66.19.6
4 months 277.18.0

Total revenue of the month 121.12.0
4 months 632.11.7

New members during month 10
4 months 33

Balance in Bank £903.12.5

H. Barlow
Chairman
4. 5. 96

Thursday 4th June 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Barlow President (Chair)

Thomas

Hood

Lusk

Harbin

Mr Jamieson

Rev'd Libberton

Meeks (Secretary)

Apologies received for absence of Mr Callaway, Rennie, Cliffe and Lewis.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported that accounts amounting to £15.0.0 had been examined & found correct. They recommended the purchase of books at a cost of £5.2.6 for the Library.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Thomas, that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported having examined the accounts amounting to £3.18.9 and found them correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Jamieson, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for May & found them correct. Payment is recommended by the following A/c's:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 44.10.0
Expenses of the House	
Subscription £ 15.500 for 6 months at 5/0	387.10.0
	432.0.0

Brought forward	£ 432. 0 0
Rates	56. 5. 0
Gas & Electric Light April	16. 10. 9
Melville Mullin & Slade Books	6. 15. 2
Retained Reading	4. 16. 11
Cancelled N ^o Papers	3. 8. 9
Sundries	1. 3. 0
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	£ 520. 19. 7

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thomas & Mr Starlin, that the Report be adopted.

The question of extending the Incandescent Gas Lighting was referred to the House Committee on the motion of Mr Meeks

The Secretary read Comparative Statement of Receipts and expenditure for first five months of 1895 & 96

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for month £ 86. 3. 6
5 months 364. 1. 6

Total revenue of month £ 213. 14. 2
5 months 846. 5. 9

New members during month 16
5 months 49

Balance in Bank £ 997. 15. 8

H Barlow
Chairman
2/7/96

Thursday 2nd July 1896

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Barlow (chair)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Lewi
- Middle
- Rev. Churthly
- Hartlin
- Duffe
- Hood
- Thomas
- Mr Jamieson

Apologies received for absence of Mr Callaway, Mr Davies, & Mr Jamieson

Norman A letter was read from Mr Norman resigning his position as a member of the Committee. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Lewi, that the resignation be accepted with regret.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Alterations
in
Library

Your Committee beg to report that, with a view of giving increased facility for displaying new books, and at the same time giving a better light to the Ladies' table, the present nest of shelves, abutting on the pier near the door leading from the Library to the reading room, be removed and placed on a new base in the centre of the room, and that the present base be left and two new rows of shelving be placed on it. A price for the work has been obtained from three carpenters, Mr Alex^r Kemp being the lowest, his price being £ 17. 10. 0. It is recommended that he be instructed to do the work. The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—*Waverley* Melville, Mullin & Slade 19 vols @ £ 3. 2. 1/2. (Wes amounting to £ 24. 11. 1 have been examined and found correct. After a long discussion on the Library alterations, it was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Mr Churthly & Mr Rennie that the Report be adopted.

The House sub committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that Mr Jackson, late a

The Secretary will compare the statement of receipts and expenditure for first six months of 1895-96

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £83.3.6
6 months 447.5.0

Total revenue of the month 145.19.2
6 months 992.4.11

New members during the month 13
6 months 62

Balance in Bank £622.15.3

H. Barlow
Chairman
4/8/96

ten out of one of the Street Shops, had relinquished his tenancy owing £10 for one month's rent. He surrenders some furniture and fittings which we consider worth £6, and for which we recommend that he receive credit. As many of the articles will be useful to the Institution, it is recommended that they be kept.

Incandescent gas

With reference to the question of the extension of the system of the incandescent gas lighting which was referred to us by you, we have reason to expect that the City Council will soon be in a position to supply the electric light, and we think it desirable to defer the further consideration of the matter for a future meeting. A/cs amounting to £32.12.11 have been exp'd & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Cliffe & Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Last £500 of additional mortgage

Your committee beg to report that the last instalment of £500 of the additional loan of £2000 has been received from the Trustees of the Summer Estate.

The a/cs for June have been audited & found correct.

Payment is recommended of the following a/cs:-

Salaries & wages	£ 41.12.0
Gas & Electric Light May	25.18.4
John Harrison of N. papers	7.1.0
Melville Muller & Glade Books	5.19.6
G. Casselden Sr's papers	3.3.8
Tom Decker Repairs	2.5.1
Mr Stubbs on Bro's Budget	2.6.6
Leopoldine. Closets	2.5.0
George Robertson & Co. Books	1.15.5
Secretary's guarantee Polt R.P.	1.10.0
Australian Mining Standard	1.6.0
Howard Smith & Sons. Coal	1.5.0
William Runch	1.4.0
Sundry a/cs	2.11.6
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	£ 100.6.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Mickle & Mr Thomas, that the report be adopted.

Thursday 6th August 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Barlow President (chair)
 Callaway Vice Pres
 Rennie Treasurer
 Ridley
 Rev Aburnethy
 Hood
 Hayward
 Hiffe
 Davies
 Langston
 Formica
 Thomas

Apologies for absence received from Mr Coles & Mr Lewis

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend the following
 for addition to the Library:— from Melville Mullen & Coe
 19 vols @ £4.0.10. After deducting to £21.1.6 have
 been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Rev Mr Aburnethy,
 that the Report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported that £26.14.0 had been examined & found correct.
 The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr Hiffe
 and Mr Ridley.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have
 audited the A/c for July & found them correct. It
 is recommended that the sum of £500 be placed as a
 fixed deposit in the Bank of Australasia for
 six months. The Secretary has reported that the Treasurer
 of the Royal Melbⁿ "Liedertafel" has made a promise

of part payment of their A/c during the current month. The
 following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & Wages	£ 41. 12. 0
Gas & Electric Light	20 . 5 . 9
Journal & Scotch Newspapers	10. 15. 6
Melville Mullen & Coe Books	6. 9. 4
Glennallen Newspapers	3. 3. 8
Thy & Kemp Repairs	1. 10. 9
John Armstrong Advertising	1. 6. 0
Mr Sean Brad & Ry Footgards	1. 10. 0
Sunday A/c & Petty Cash	7. 14. 6
	£ 94 . 7 . 6

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway,
 that the Report be adopted.

Report of Conference of Library & House Committees re Library fittings.

The Library & House Committees beg to report that immediately
 after the last meeting of the General Committee, some of the
 members went to the Library for the purpose of ascertaining what
 would be the effect of the removal of the nest of shelving referred
 to in the Library Committee's report. Some of the members of
 the General Committee were of opinion that the change was not a
 desirable one, and they obtained the President's consent to a
 postponement of further action in the matter. Subsequently it
 was arranged, with the consent of the Chairman of the Library
 Committee, that a joint Conference on the subject should be
 held between the Library Committee & the House Committee.
 The two Committees met on Monday last and adopted
 the following resolution:—

That it is the opinion of this Conference that it is
 undesirable to move the nest of shelving from its present
 site, and that the main object—the displaying of the
 new books—can be obtained by placing suitable shelving
 on a table in the Centre of the room.

The Report was adopted, and it was arranged to leave

its execution to the Honor Committee.

The Secretary informed the Committee of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Norman.

Secretary read comparative statement of Receipts and expenditure for first seven months of 1895-96

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 75.1.6
7 months 522.6.6

Total revenue of month 179.3.6
7 months 1171.18.5

New members during month 8
7 months 70

Balance in Bank £1202.2.9

W. Barlow
Chairman

3/9/96

Thursday 3rd September 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Bartow President, chair.

Hiffe

Hood

Thomas

Levi

Rev Ahernethy

Edes

Harlie

Saujeter

Lish

Apology received for absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend for addition to the Library 10 vols from Melville Muller & Glade at £2.2.1. Accounts amounting to £125.0.11 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Rev Mr Ahernethy and Mr Hood that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the new fittings for the Library are being made by Mr Kemp at a cost of £12.1.0

It is recommended that an Inocuum descent for light be placed on the stair case leading to the Small Hall instead of the present burner.

Accounts amounting to £30.19.1 have been examined and found correct

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hiffe and Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Fixed
Deposit

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for August and found them correct. The sum of £300 has been placed as a Fixed Deposit in the Bank of Australasia for six months at 1/2% per ann. The Secretary has exhibited the Deposit Receipt. The Treasurer of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel has paid £28 an A/c. The front shop, that has been vacant for some weeks, has been let at £2.10.0 per week. The following A/c's are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 44.10.0
Whitehead & Co Magazines	73.19.11
Wm Dawson & papers	23.7.3
Gas Electric Light	26.7.4
Bedford Bindings	8.8.6
John Carnation & papers	7.1.0
Melville, Mullen & Stone Books	5.17.1
J Cassel den & papers	3.4.5
Chopin Water Supply	2.6.0
Shillwell & Co Printing	1.12.6
Howard Smith & Sons Coal	1.3.0
Sundry A/c's	2.13.0
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	£ 200.10.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Cales & Mr Levi, that the report be adopted. The Secretary read comparative Statement of Receipts & expenditure for first eight months of 1895-96.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 77.10
8 months	599.16.6
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Total revenue of months	£ 205.15.0
8 months	1377.13.5
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New members during month	5
8 months	75
Balance in Bank	£ 573.10.3
Fixed Deposit	£ 500.0.0

W Barlow
Chairman
1/10/96

Thursday 1st October 1896

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Barlow President Chair
- Keallaway V. Pres
- Rosini Treasurer
- Muckle
- Davies
- Ridley
- Levi
- Thomas
- Dowdall
- Shiffe
- Mood
- Harlin
- Saunders

An Apology was received for absence of Rev^d Mr Chownethy.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that we discontinue taking 'Index' & 'Index' for the Reading Room, and that one copy of the English 'Daily News' be taken.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

From Melville, Mullen & Stone 12 vols	£ 3.2.11
George Robertson	2 13.6
Mr Dawson	2 6.6

A/c's amounting to £8.11.5 have been exp^d & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Muckle & Mr Thomas that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that the Insurance premium has been fixed on the fire lamp over the stairs leading to the Small Hall. The accommodation at R.D. for the Chess Club has been supplied.
A/c's amounting to £8.11.5 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bliff & Mr Ward, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reports as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for September & found them correct. The Treasurers of the Royal Metropolitan Fire & Life have paid £40 the following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 41. 12. 0
Income Rate City of Melbourne	37. 10. 0
Melbourn Water Supply	12. 15. 0
Gas & Electric Light	30. 4. 0
Cooperation. Closets	2. 5. 0
G. Casselou & Co papers	3. 3. 8
Walter Miller & Co Stationery	3. 0. 7
Victoria Fire Coy	2. 11. 6
South British Fire & Marine Coy	1. 19. 0
Melbourne Punch	1. 4. 0
George Robertson & Co Books	1. 3. 2
John Howard Smith & Sons Coal	18. 6
London A/c	11. 6
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	£ 138. 17. 11

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thomas & Mr Dawson, that Report be adopted. That the vacancy on the Committee Mr J W Veal was nominated by Revd Mr Ahern & Mr Rennie.

J. W. Veal

The Secretary read Comparative Statement of receipts & expenditure for first nine months of 1895-96.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 59. 15. 0
9 months	£ 659. 11. 6
Total revenue of month	222. 10. 1
9 months	1600. 3. 6
New members during month	13
9 months	88
Balance in Bank	£ 835. 10. 6
Fixed Deposit	£ 500. 0. 0

H. Baloo
Chairman
12/11/96

Thursday 12th Nov 1896

The Committee met at 8.15 p.m.

- Mr Barlow President Chair
- Callaway V. President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Revd Ahern
- Mr Thomas
- Ridley
- Downward
- Hood
- Hartie
- Lush
- Levi
- Mr Jameson

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

J. W. Veal

Mr J W Veal was declared elected a member of the General Committee.

The House subcommittee reported having examined accounts amounting to £42.4s.7d which were correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Ridley that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for October and found them correct. The front shop that had been vacant has been let at the ruling rent of £2. 10. 0 per week. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	44. 10. 0
Gas & Electric Light	24. 14. 0
Alexr Kemp. Library fittings &c	14. 8. 6
W. H. Books & Co Books	2. 3. 0
G. Casselou & Co papers	3. 4. 5
Gas Coy. Goods	19. 1
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	£ 89. 19. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bliff & Mr Sand, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reports as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for September & found them correct. The Treasurer of the Royal Metropolitan Fire and Relief has paid £40. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 41. 12. 0
Income Rate City of Melbourne	37. 10. 0
Melbourn Water Supply	12. 15. 0
Gas & Electric Light	30. 4. 0
Cooperation. Closets	2. 5. 0
G. Casselou & Co. Papers	3. 3. 8
Stuhle Miller & Co. Books	3. 0. 7
Victoria Ins Coy	2. 11. 6
South British F & M Ins Coy	1. 19. 0
Melbourne Punch	1. 4. 0
George Robertson & Co. Books	1. 3. 2
Wm Howard Smith & Sons Coal	18. 6
Sundry A/c	11. 6
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	£ 138. 17. 11

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thomas & Mr Dawson, that Report be adopted.

That the vacancy on the Committee Mr J. W. Deal was nominated by Rev. Mr. Ahern & Mr. Rennie.

The Secretary read Comparative Statement of receipts & expenditure for first nine months of 1895-96.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 59. 15. 0

9 months £ 659. 11. 6

Total revenue of month 222. 10. 1

9 months 1600. 3. 6

New members during month 13

9 months 88

Balance in Bank £ 835. 10. 6

Fixed Deposit £ 500. 0. 0

H. Bullock

Chairman

12/11/96

J. W. Deal

I hereby nominate Mr. J. W. Veal
as a member of a Special Committee

Sept 17. 1896

J. W. Veal

I accept the above nomination

J. W. Veal

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Thomas,
that the Report be adopted.

Resolved that the next meeting of Committee
be on 10th December.

Resolved on motion of Mr Thomas & Mr Lusk,
that an advertisement of two inches be inserted in the
amusement columns of the Argus & Age newspapers
every Saturday for two months. Mr Barlow, Mr Lusk
& Mr Thomas were appointed a sub-committee to prepare
the advertisement.

The Secretary read the Comparative statement of receipts
and expenditure for first ten months of 1895-96

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £56.18.6
10 months 716.10.0

Total revenue of month 172.3.6
10 months 1772.7.0

New members during month 7
10 months 95

Balance in Bank £868.15.11
Fixed Deposit 500.00

W B Barlow
Chairman
10/12/96

Thursday 10th December 1896

The Committee met at 8 P.M.
Mr Barlow President, chair
Callaway Vice President
Rennie Treasurer
Rev Abernethy
Mr Jamieson
Hood
Levi
Sampson
Martin
Davies
Eales
Hiffe
Mickle

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
An apology for absence of Mr Wend, who wrote welcoming thanks
for his election as a member of Committee.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to recommend for addition to the
Library 24 vols from Melville Mueller & Stade £4.2.11.
Accounts amounting to £27.15.0 have been examined and
found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood,
that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have
made their annual inspection of the premises of the Protection,
and found every thing satisfactory.
Accounts, amounting to £25.17.6, have
been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Ridley,
that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined audited the accounts for November and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following items:—

Salaries & wages	£ 41. 12. 0
Gas & Electric Light	19. 18. 6
Amalgam & papers & Advtg	10. 19. 0
Lehmold Binding	5. 7. 6
Malville Mullin & Slade Books	5. 3. 10
Leaning & Kipling chairs	3. 7. 6
Carroll & papers	3. 3. 8
Cooperativa Claret	2. 5. 0
Charles Gardel Printing	1. 10. 0
Sunday am & Billy Calk	3. 17. 6
Subscribed an Knollys	400 0 0
Total	£ 497. 4. 6

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Levi, that the Report be adopted

Holidays Resolved that the Reading Room be closed on 25th & 26th Dec & 1st Jan & that the Library be closed on those days and also 2nd Dec & 3rd Jan.

Report The President, Vice President, & Treasurer were appointed a sub-committee to draft the Annual Report.

Next meeting Resolved that next night of meeting be Thursday 14th Jan

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 48. 12. 6
11 months	765. 2. 6
Total revenue of month	£ 172. 3. 6
11 months	1964. 10. 6
New members during month	4
11 months	99
Balance in Bank £ 951. 0. 5	Saved deposit £ 500
W. Barlow Chairman 14. 1. 97	

Thursday 14th Jan 1897

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Barlow President, Chair
- Callaway Vice Pres
- Rennie Treasurer
- Luck
- Hood
- Levi
- Kidley
- Leah
- Dowward
- Sanger
- Marlin
- Steffe
- Thomas
- Mr Jamieson
- Mr Meeks (a trustee)

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed. A letter read from Mr Deal apologizing for his absence. An apology was also received from Rev. Mr. Chalmers.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend for the Library 25 vols from Malville Mullin & Slade @ £ 5. 10. 7. The period for which the advertisement in the newspapers was ordered having expired, it is recommended that it be extended for a further period to be fixed by you. The cost for sticking and cutting the newspapers & magazines is considered to be far too high. It is recommended that the matter be considered with a view to alteration. Accounts amounting to £ 45. 19. 11 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Luck & Mr Thomas, that the report be adopted.

It was decided to continue the advertisement for three months.

The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr DeWitt's manager, and that he had a receipt for the price for sticking & cutting newspapers & magazines from £ 18 per annum to £ 12. This was the price of a Smith's Machine.